

he was to the best of his apprehension of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that he together with Richard Disney the other subscribing witness thereto subscribed their names as witnesses to this will in his presence at his request and in the ..... presence of each other.

Swear to in open Court.

Testy D. M. Perine Register of Wills for Baltimore County

Charles Ridgely of Hampton<sup>esq;</sup> I Charles Ridgely of Hampton of Baltimore County in the Last Will and Testament<sup>esq;</sup> State of Maryland do make and declare this to be my last will and testament hereby revoking all others by me heretofore made. —

In Order to make what I deem a suitable provision for my daughter Rebecca Hanson, I hereby constitute and appoint my sons in law James Carroll and James Howard Trustees for her benefit and the benefit of her issue should she leave any surviving her — To the said Carroll and Howard and therefore and to the survivor of them the heirs and assigns of such survivor I give and devise my two houses and lots on Baltimore Street in the City of Baltimore adjoining each other usually occupied as stores, also my house and lot on Gay Street where my said daughter now lives, also my house and lot on Frederick street where she formerly lived, also the farm on Elk ridge in the occupation of her husband, also all the negroes Stock Utencils Plate and House hold furniture at the said farm and at her dwelling on Gay Street, which belong to me, also my Stock in the Union Bank of Maryland upon which there hath been paid twenty five hundred dollars — To them the said James Carroll and James Howard and the survivor of them, the heirs and assigns of such survivor, to be helden in special trust to and for the sole and separate use and benefit of my said daughter Rebecca during her natural life acquired and discharged from the controul, and exempted from all liability for the contracts or engagment of her present or any future husband — giving and allowing to her solely and exclusively all benefit of the use of said property, the income and profits thereof exempted as aforesaid and in such right to receive and give receipts and discharges therefor and for the dividends upon said Bank Stock — The said farm to be held under and subject to the further trusts — That my said daughter Rebecca shall have full right and power to dispose of the same agreeably to and in pursuance of a Deed by me heretofore given to her of the said Farm or some of the provisions therein expressed — And with full right and power to her to create and secure to her husband an Estate for his life only in said Farm should he survive her — either of said powers to be executed by her in any form approved in Law — ouby any written declaration or appointment declaring the same to be signed and acknowledged by her in the presence of one or more attesting witness's — which she is hereby authorised to do, shall be deemed sufficient and effectual to direct and govern the Trustees aforesaid — And the aforesaid Real and personal property and Bank Stock is to be helden upon the further trust, that if my said daughter should leave issue surviving her, then the same shall be and remain to and for the use and benefit of such issue their heirs and assigns in common after the decease of my said daughter and the termination of the life estate to her husband if such estate be created by her — and be conveyed to such issue as tenants in common in fee simple — And further if my said daughter should not leave issue surviving her then all the aforesaid property and Bank Stock (other than the farm aforesaid) But if she should not dispose of said farm or create a life estate therein as above provided and if she doth then upon the termination of said estate for life, the said farm also as well as all the other property so devised In trust shall be and remain after the decease of my said daughter as part of my estate and shall be disposed of as directed by this will for the disposal of all the rest and residue of my Estate and prope

To my son John Ridgely I give and bequeath the sum of one thousand dollars, this is done in Consideration of his becoming at my decease entitled to the Hampton Estate to which my son Charles would have been entitled had he survived me, under the will of Captain Charles Ridgely and the Deeds heretofore executed respecting said Estate excepting the personal property thereon. — To my son David Ridgely I give and devise the White Marsh farm on the Havre de grace turnpike in Baltimore County, which is to be composed of one thousand acres of land to be laid off as compactly as may well be done and in a convenient manner for the improvements and advantageous for agriculture which said farm so to be laid off together with all the Negroes Stock and Utensils which may at my decease be used and employed thereon I give devise and bequeath to my said son David Ridgely his heirs and assigns forever. — To my son David Ridgely I also give and devise the one moiety or half part of my other Lands in the former fourth Election district of Baltimore County, and also the one half of all my lands situated between the new Harford Turnpike and the Belleair road, called Goughs road — which lands have been commonly used and employed with my Forges — and the one moiety or half of my said Forges, Rolling Mills and other improvements at said Forges, on Gunpowder Falls, and the one half of all the lands I hold or claim in Harford County, together with the one half of the Negroes Stock and utensils of every kind usually employed at or with said Forges at the time of my decease to him the said David Ridgely his heirs and assigns forever — Provided however it do not happen that my son David or his issue male or female succeeds to the Hampton Estate under the will of Captain Charles Ridgely and the Deeds executed respecting said Estate — But if it should happen that my son David or his issue Male or female should succeed to the Hampton Estate as aforesaid then the preceding devises in this Section of my will made to him shall end and become void; and the moiety or half part of the property so devised to him shall pass into and become part of the residue of my Estate and pass under the devise thereof — The foregoing devise of my Forges and property used with them, is subject however to the employment directed of the same for working up the materials which may be on hand, as after directed — To my son in law James Howard I give and devise my plantation called Risteaus Place in the County aforesaid and also that part of Epson Farm lying on the east side of the Mine-bank road the said road I make the division between said Farms, To hold to him the said Howard for the term of ten years to be computed from the date of this will — To the four children of the said James Howard and my lately deceased daughter Sophia, namely Juliana Elizabeth Howard, Charles Ridgely Howard, Margaretta Howard and John Eager Howard I give and devise the aforesaid plantation called Risteaus Place to them their heirs and assigns forever as tenants in common Subject however to their fathers enjoyment of it for what of the period above mentioned, as shall remain at my decease unexpired — I give devise and bequeath all the rest residue and remainder of my Estate real and personal in Maryland Pennsylvania and elsewhere with the moiety of the Lands and property real and personal devised to my son David (the White marsh farm and personality therewith excepted) upon the event of his or of his heirs male or female succeeding to the Hampton Estate as provided and declared in the devise of said moiety to him — as also the real and personal property and Bank Stock devised in trust for the benefit of my daughter Rebecca as before provided upon the failure of or termination to the powers and trusts declared and provided in said devise for the regulation thereof — unto my daughters Prudence Howard, Achsah Carroll, Priscilla White, Eliza Carroll, Mary Dorsey, Harriet Chew, and to the four children of my late deceased daughter Sophia Howard namely Juliana Elizabeth, Charles Ridgely, Margaretta and John Eager before named in this will — To them my said daughters now living six

in number, the six undivided seventh parts, unto them their heirs and assigns forever, as tenants in common - and the remaining one undivided seventh, (the whole into sevenths to be devived) I give and devise to the aforesaid four children of my deceased daughter Sophia - who are previously named in this will to them their heirs and assigns forever as tenants in common - In the division so to be made amongst my daughters and above named grand children of the property above devised to them in common - I direct and require that an allowance be made for the property I have heretofore given to my daughters Prudence and Ach-  
sah, at thirteen thousand dollars each, and an allowance of Ten thousand dollars be made for the Plantation herein given to my grand children - These allowances are to be taken as chargeable against my said two daughters and grand children respectively for the amounts aforesaid, to cause and produce equality of division amongst the other devisees and them of the property so devised in common and undivided - It is my will and desire and I accordingly direct and devise that my Forges and other works thereto be conducted and carried on at the charge of my Estate by my Executors and for the benefit of my Estate until the stock on hand at the time of my decease, of Cord wood Coal ore and Pig Iron shall be worked up and ready for Market - for which purpose the Lands Stock workmen slaves and materials usually appurtenant to the Forge operations or employed in conducting and carrying on the same, shall be used and employed for the purpose above declared and I hereby declare the previous devises of any of the property so to be employed to be intended and are subjected hereby to the above use thereof and declared in trust to such extent and purpose - In consequence of rumors respecting the Hampton Estate I have thought it proper to provide and declare that if within Ten years after my decease my son John Ridgely should loose the Hampton Estate by any final adjudication against him, In that event and upon that contingency, It is my will and I give and devise to my said son John Ridgely the one moiety of the White Marsh farm aforesaid to be equally divided between him and his brother David to take the improvements - and upon the happening of the event aforesaid I also give and devise to my said son John Ridgely the other moiety of the Forges and Lands appropriated thereto or usually employed therewith as described in the devise of the moiety to my son David - To Have and hold same up on the event happening as herein before expressed of his my said son losing the Hampton Estate within the limitation of time aforesaid, unto him my aforesaid son John Ridgely his heirs and assigns forever as tenant in common with his brother David and not joint - and upon the happening of the event aforesaid the devise of the moiety of Lands now made to my son John, shall be deemed and taken a revocation of the devise of the said moiety as part of the residue of my estate - It is my will and desire I therefore order and direct that John McLure an old and infirm man now and for many years past living at Hampton be comfortably supported by my Executors at the expense of my Estate for the residue of his life should he survive me - I hereby constitute and appoint my Sons in Law James Carroll Junior and James Howard and the survivor of them to be executors and Trustees of this my will giving to them and the survivor full power and authority to perform and execute the duties and trusts contained and declared in it - allowing and bequeathing to them for all their service and in lieu of Commissions the sum of Five Hundred Guinea's between to be paid by and out of my Estate with which I hope they will be satisfied - **In Testimony**  
 whereof I have hereto set my hand and affixed my seal on this twenty eighth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight. J. C. Ridgely of Hamp. Sealed

Signed sealed published and declared by the testator as and for his <sup>3</sup> Baltimore County, Md -  
 last will and testament in our presence who in his presence and of each other have signed the same as witnesses. <sup>153</sup> came James Tucker and Thomas Hell two of the Sam. Owings - James Tucker, - Thomas Hell. - <sup>153</sup> subscribing witness to the foregoing last will  
 On the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July 1829,

pronounce and declare the same to be a Codicil to his last will and testament that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehensions of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, and that they together with Samuel Owings the other subscribing witness thereto subscribed their names as witnesses to this Codicil in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other.)

Swear to in open Court.

Test. D. M. Perine Register of Wills for Baltimore County.

**Renunciation** I. James Howard appointed one of the Executors in the last will and test-  
of James Howard, <sup>ment</sup> testament of Charles Ridgely of Hampton deceased, do hereby refuse to act as Ex-  
ecutor of said will and do therefore renounce all my right to Letters Testamentary upon said deceased's estate.

Witness,

July 21<sup>st</sup> 1829,

D. M. Perine,

James Howard,

Received to be recorded the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July 1829, same day recorded and examined by

¶ D. M. Perine Register of Wills for Baltimore County.

**Renunciation** I. James Carroll Junior appointed one of the Executors of the last will and  
of James Carroll Jun<sup>r</sup>. <sup>ment</sup> testament of Charles Ridgely of Hampton deceased, do hereby refuse to act as  
Executor of said will and do therefore renounce all my right to Letters Testamentary upon said de-  
ceased's estate.

James Carroll Jr.,

Witness,

July 22<sup>c</sup> 1829,

D. M. Perine,

Received to be recorded the 22<sup>c</sup> July 1829 same day recorded and examined by

¶ D. M. Perine Register of Wills for Baltimore County,

**Renunciation** The undersigned a residuary Legatee of Charles Ridgely of Hampton &  
of Achsah Carroll <sup>ment</sup> deceased doth hereby renounce her right to administration with the will &  
annexed of the personal Estate of said deceased.

Achsah Carroll,

Witness,

23 July 1829.

James Carroll Jr. Received to be recorded the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July same day recorded and examined by

James Carroll,

¶ D. M. Perine Register of Wills for Baltimore County.

**Renunciation of** The undersigned residuary Legatees of Charles Ridgely  
Henry B. Chew (for self & Harriet  
(Chew) Priscilla H. White,  
Harry D. G. Carroll by James  
Carroll Jr., George Howard,  
and Prudence Howard,

Given from under our hands this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July 1829,

Henry B. Chew for  
myself and Harriet Chew  
Priscilla H. White,

Harry D. G. Carroll by  
James Carroll Jr.

George Howard,  
Prudence Howard,

Witness to the signatures of Henry B. Chew

and Priscilla H. White

John Purdy

Witness to signatures of Jas. Carroll Jun<sup>r</sup>; for Harry

Dorsey Gough Carroll,

John Ridgely,

Witness to the signatures of Geo. Howard and

Prudence Howard,

John Purdy.

Received to be recorded the 30<sup>th</sup> day of July 1829, same day recorded and examined by

¶ D. M. Perine Register of Wills for Baltimore County,

see Renunciation folio 359

**Elizabeth Alcock.** Memorandum of the wishes of Elizabeth Alcock as to the dispo-  
Last Will and Testament <sup>ment</sup> sition of her property in the event of her decease. It is her wish  
that all her property should belong to her sister Eleanor Alcock to whom she hereby gives and be-  
queaths it except her Stock in the Union Manufacturing Company which she gives and bequeaths

and testament of Charles Ridgely (of Hampton) late of said County deceased, and made oath on the holy evangel of Almighty God that they did see the testator sign and seal this will that they heard him publish pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and testament that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehensions of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that they together with Samuel Owings the other subscribing witness thereto subscribed their names as witnesses to this will in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other. — Sworn to in open Court, Test. D. M. Perine Register of Wills for Baltimore County

I Charles Ridgely of Hampton of Baltimore County and State of Maryland do make and declare this Codicil to my last will which bears date on the twenty eighth day of April — and ordain and direct it to be so taken and held, in all other particulars approving my said will. — + With regard to the Negro slaves I may leave at my decease, my views are not provided for in my said will, It therefore is my will and I give and bequeath all such slaves as I may leave Male or Female above the age of forty five years at my decease unto James Carroll Junior and James Howard Executors of my said will and the Survivor of them, the Executors and Administrators of such survivor in trust — and confidence that none of them shall be sold which I forbid being done — and direct that the said slaves shall be held by my Executors as aforesaid, permitted as far as practicable to enjoy the rewards and benefit of their own labour, their condition as much as may be ameliorated consist therewith — that they be kindly treated and provided for comfortably during their old age at the general charge of my Estate to be borne in equal contribution by all my children, and grand children in their character of Devisees of my real estate — and if any of the above described female slaves shall have issue after my decease, I will and direct that such issue shall be free, the Males at twenty eight and the females at twenty five years of age. — It is also my will and I direct and declare that all my Male slaves who at my decease shall be twenty eight years of age and under forty five, and all my Female slaves who at my decease shall be twenty five years of age and under forty five — shall severally be and I declare from thence forthwith free. It is further my will and accordingly devise and direct that all my slaves who at my decease shall not have arrived at Males at twenty eight years, if females twenty five years shall nevertheless be free when they respectively attain those ages, the Males twenty eight, the females twenty five. — It is also my will and I direct limit and declare that the time of service of the issue or children of any of the aforesaid females which may be born after my decease and before the time of the mothers right to freedom taking effect such children or issue shall serve the Males until twenty eight years of age the females till twenty five years of age, and shall at those ages respectively be free. — It is also my will and I ordain and direct that if any of the said female slaves shall at the time of their becoming actually free by the provisions aforesaid should have a child or children at that time under two years of age in such instances the mother shall have the choice of taking with her and keeping such child or children until such age as their own right to freedom accrues as aforesaid. — And so far as the devises in my said will are inconsistent herewith, this Codicil is declared to be a revocation thereof, but in no other respect to operate against said will. — In Witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and affixed my seal on this twenty eighth day of April in the year Eighteen hundred and twenty eight — 28<sup>th</sup> April 1828 — C. Ridgely of Hampton Seal

Signed sealed published and declared by the testator as a Codicil to his last will and testament before us who have signed the same as witnesses in his presence and of each other. — 3 James Tucker and Thomas Hell two of the subscribing

Sam. Owings, 3 witness to the foregoing Codicil to the last will and testament of Charles Ridgely (of Hampton) late of said County deceased and made with on the holy evangel of Almighty God Thomas Hell, 3 that they did see the testator sign and seal this Codicil that they heard him publish

Baltimore County, Md.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July 1829, came